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Master Sgt. Tom Freeman, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, activates a chemlight inflight on a night mission in a unit C-130H Hercules, preparing for a container delivery system nightdrop. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley, 731st AS)

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Air and Space Expeditionary Forces support will continue

By Col. Richard R. Moss Commander

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Last year was a year full of excitement and demanding challenges. We had the opportunity to excel and we did exactly that.

I wish I could say that this year will be different; that this year will be a time to regroup and take it easy. However, we know that not to be the case. Deployments of our personnel around the world will continue as we meet our Air and Space Expeditionary Forces requirements. The current world situation demands that we, the Air Force Reserve, be ready at all times to meet the needs of the nation.

To ensure we can do that, we will be conducting a mobility exercise withpersonnel and cargo this Unit Training Assembly for

those units that did not get the chance to be mobilized and deploy last year – predominately units of the Mission Support Group and the Airlift Wing Headquarters' staff functions. Our host, the 21st Space Wing, will be also exercising the Installation Deployment Plan to ensure they can meet our needs for deployment.

To make the exercise a success, I need your cooperation. Make sure you bring your required mobility items with you, show up on time for processing, and be patient during the processing; page seven provides some good guidance. We will have some problem areas but the purpose of the exercise is to identify them so they can be corrected.

One thing we need to be careful of is the containment of rumors. Rumors are rampant

about future activations, deployments, and, I am sure, other things I don't know about at this time. These are simply unfounded mors. If you hear things like these identify them to your chain of command so that we can properly address the rumor and get the facts out. Don't spread unsubstantiated gossip. There is enough

uncertainty in the world without us adding to it.

This Wing has excelled because we are well trained, dedi-

Capt. Maria Freeman, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron clinical nurse, administers an annual flu shot to the commander during Sunday of the December UTA. (Photo by Tech. Sqt. Mitch Chandran)

cated, and professional in the way we approach our jobs. Let's continue that as we face the challenges of 2003.

Space

the

new

commander



By Capt. Gregory Spraggins19th Space Operations Squadron

Maj. Donald P. Christy (right) assumed command of the 19th Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo., from Lt. Col. Roscoe L.O. Griffin, 310th Space Group commander. Christy takes command of the largest space operations squadron in the Air Force Reserve Command. Christy served as Operations Officer for the 19th SOPS prior to taking command Nov. 1 from Lt. Col. Karen A. Rizzuti, who became the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the 50th Space Wing Operations Group Commander.

Not just a 'Get One' kind of guy

"Just talking ...," Voss recruits nine people into Reserve

By Tech. Sgt. Dave Morton *Front Range Flyer*

Master Sgt. Ronald Voss, 19th Space Operations Squadron superintendent, Schriever Air Force Base, has received recognition as one of the top award winners for the "Get One" program in the Air Force Reserve Command.

Voss tied for the top award when nine referrals he made to recruiters enlisted in the Reserve.

"I'm really not sure how many people I talked with about the Reserve program," said Voss. "It was a fairly easy thing to do. Most of the people I talked with at Schriever AFB were getting off active duty and asked what I could tell them about the Reserve."

"Voss is what you want in a senior noncommissioned officer," said Lt. Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th Space Group commander. "His heart is in what he does every day and recruiting members for the Reserve was no exception."

AFRC designated guidelines for Reserve members who submit the most qualified referrals to be



Master Sgt. Ronald Voss
19th Space Operations Squadron

awarded accordingly and receive recognition from Lt. Gen. James Sherrard, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC.

Awards Voss received included an Air Force Achievement medal, a leather bomber

jacket with a Get One insignia, an incentive flight on any aircraft in Air Force Reserve inventory, and an article in Citizen Airman magazine. Awards were presented during a special AFRC Recruiting Service National Awards Banquet on Nov. 6 at the Radisson Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

All reservists can participate in

the program and submit as many referrals as possible. If enlistment of a referral is accomplished within a two-year period, the reservists who submitted the referral qualify for an enlistment award.

"I'm fortunate to have a great job where I can talk to people about the Reserve," said Voss. "The space mission and Reserve are easy selling points."

Unit awards at the wing level are also available for reservists who submit the most referred enlistments. They include a written article in the unit or base newspaper, a six-month designated parking space, and an 18-month paid club membership.

To provide referrals, members can go online to www.afreserve.com/getone, or call the Get One Hotline at 877-786-2372.

2002 Billy Jack Carter award winner

By Tech. Sgt. Dave Morton

Front Range Flyer

Master Sgt. Shawn C. Quillen, 310th Security Forces, Schriever Air Force Base, has been selected as recipient of the Col. Billy Jack Carter Award for 2002.

The award is granted on the basis of a military member, civilian employee or host-nation person, in any grade, who has made the most significant contribution to protecting Air Force personnel and resources throughout the year.

Col. Billy Jack Carter was the first director of Air Force Security Police and distinguished himself with the 377th Security Police Squadron during the 1968 Tet Offensive at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in the Republic of South Vietnam.

"Competition for this award Air Force wide is extremely stiff," said Quillen. "I'm



Master Sgt. Shawn C. Quillen 310th Security Force Squadron

fortunate to win, and could not have accomplished it without the support of the troops I work with and the support from my commander, Lt. Col. Gary Nelson, 310th Security Forces Squadron commander, who submit-

ted my package."

Quillen will now compete at the Air Force level with final results to be announced in early January.

"Master Sgt. Quillen is a professional noncommissioned officer with a positive can-do attitude who was recently mobilized for an extended period of time," said Lt. Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th Space Group commander. "It's an attitude that helped him overcome some difficult situations, and he is a person that definitely deserved to be recognized. This award is tribute to his hard work and dedication to the Air

Force Reserve."

"The 310th SFS could not be happier that Master Sgt. Quillen has won this award," Maj. James W. Edwards, 310th SFS operation officer, said. "His deeds demonstrate both his commitment to the total force and warrior spirit."

The 310th SG won the award in 2001 also.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards, 460th ABW

Space warning crew marks milestone

By Maj. Jimmy Mindoro and Capt. Mark Gruenewald

 $8 th \, Space \, Warning \, Squadron$

The Space-Based Infrared System Total Force team made history Nov. 3 when an all-Reserve crew from the 8th Space Warning Squadron of the 310th Space Group fully manned the SBIRS space operations center on a day shift during a training weekend.

The 8th SWS is the Reserve associate unit to the 2nd Space Warning Squadron, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

This historic event marked the first time in the history of space-based missile warning that an all reserve crew was in complete control of global missile warning, according to Lt. Col. Robert D. Gibson, 2nd SWS commander.

SBIRS provides continuous and reliable warning of attack against the United States, our allies and forces worldwide. The space operations center or "SOC" is a large room where all aspects of satellite and early missile warning operations are accomplished 24 hours a day, every day. SBIRS is designed to use current and future advanced satellite systems to provide strategic and tactical early warning information directly to U.S. warfighters.

The current satellite system used is called the Defense Support Program constellation. DSP satellites have been the cornerstone for missile warning for more than 30 years and play an integral role in missile defense and the war on terrorism.

Reservists working at the 8th SWS are known as "The Spiders" because of a large red spider displayed on the unit's patch and scarf. People working at the 2nd SWS are known as the "Squawkin' Dawgs" named after the countless prairie dogs inhabiting Buckley. The only distinction between reservists and active duty are the patches and

scarves worn by the different units. In fact, when distinguished visitors tour the SOC, they can't tell the difference because reservists are fully integrated into the crew force and each work center.

The 8th SWS has 20 full-time and 39 traditional part-time positions for reservists. Each reservist, whether full-time or part-time, must go through the exact same training as his or her active duty counterparts.

ASBIRS crew is normally comprised of active-duty Air Force personnel, reservists, Australians, Canadians and British operators as well as civilian contractors.

"With a crew size of approximately 27 people, this is an enormous accomplishment for our Reserve partners and the 2nd SWS and 8th SWS team. The power of Total Force coalition warfare is realized everyday at the unit level in the SBIRS mission," said Gibson.

"I am very proud of the hard work and sacrifice our people make

everyday to be an integral part of such an important mission," said Lt. Col. Gregory S. Ratterree, 8th SWS. "None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support we get from the 2nd SWS professionals and their leadership. Lt. Col. Gibson fully understands and appreciates the contributions gained by a fully integrated Total Force approach – we could not ask for a stronger advocate."

This event exercised the 8th SWS ability to augment the 2nd SWS during a surge in mission operations and high day-to-day operations tempo.

"We are very proud and pleased to be able to provide the support our Air Force asks of us and this is a great example of how our Air Force integrates its forces," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, as he relayed news of the milestone to the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper.

Poof! The Magic Deployments

By Capt. Kris Simpson

302nd AW Plans

It's a good morning in Tent City—the shower water was hot today, there weren't too many six-legged "shower buddies" in the shower, and the zipper didn't stick on the tent flap when you were standing outside in your bathrobe. Those metal pallets being used for a tent floor are pretty nice, too—no earthen floors! The operational showers,

toilets, and air conditioners are the envy of many – all part of the Air Force knowing how to deploy.

But how did all that stuff get there? Where did the tent and the showers and the air conditioners come from? Common wisdom says it all appeared by magic. You got here, and the tent was here for you — magic. You need bullets for your weapon; you go to another tent, and voila! Bullets! Want a hot meal?

There's the kitchen, with food in it, and services troops to operate it.

Well, maybe it's not magic

Maybe the best word to describe this is logistics support. The general concept of logistics support is anything that does not directly involve flying a plane, like plans, transportation, supply, services, maintenance, fuels, civil engineering, communications, and security forces. All that makes up the critical, can't-live-without-it logistics support to conduct aerospace operations. In other words, we need to be able to eat, sleep, and protect ourselves, etc., if we're going to go defeat the enemy. The plans and programs people, the "XPers," are a big part of logistics support.

Civil engineering builds Tent City, services operates the kitchen, security forces protect... but who put all these people and all their equipment in this sandy spot that may be home for the next three months?

The XPers at the major command level and above do the legwork to schedule the

flow of forces into the theater based on the needs of the theater commander and the approval of the Air Staff. XPers ensure that all those needed to secure and set up a bare base are the first ones in, along with the equipment needed to do the job. Then XPers consider what is needed to conduct air operations since that is the point of the base we're building, and schedule those forces accordingly. OK, now there's a good plan for



The staff of the 302nd Airlift Wing Plans office, Master Sgt. F Schnell, Master Sgt. Bruce Wilkes, Lt. Col. Luke Coker, Capt. Kristin Simpson, Master Sgt. Billye Adams, and Senior Master Sgt. Milo Scott. Coker holds the office's "magic" wand, a court jester. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

the initial flow of forces. But wait - first we have to get them from their comfy home bases to the not-so-comfy theater.

Unit XPers work with the unit deployment managers, and get the UDMs to in turn get troops and equipment to deployment processing areas. Meanwhile, the XPers devise the deployment schedule of events, call for airlift if necessary, and work with head-quarters as necessary.

So, the initial troops get to the theater and set up the base. As soon as that base is capable of supporting air operations, XPers send the fliers in. OK, now we're engaging the enemy, sleeping, eating, showering, and generally being hoo-ah Air Force warriors.

Fast forward one month

Now spare parts are needed for the planes, more bullets, and more food for the kitchen. Tech. Sgt. Johnny Joe broke his leg and needs to be sent home for medical attention; a replacement needs to be sent to the theater. XPers locate the people and stuff and repeat the whole process of deploying.

Fast forward several months

The war is over. We won, of course. Ready to go home now? How are you going to do that—you're halfway between a camel herd and a sand dune with no coffee shop in sight. XPers to the rescue. Once the theater commander releases you, XPers ensure you and all the cargo get on available airlift to come home. XPers just reverse the process used to get you into the theater. That's

wartime.

Peacetime

What do XPers do day-to-day? Imagine XPers at MAJCOM level and higher merrily plotting and planning away where and when to send you and yours when the war starts. Wouldn't you like to know what they're plotting and planning? Of course you would! That's why you have unit-level XPers, who can interpret that mumbo-jumbo XP-

ese that headquarters kicks out. Your unitlevel XPers tell you what you will be called upon to provide in war. This information may change a lot – and every time it changes, you can bet that your documents are now outdated and your XPer will provide you with *current* ones, so it pays to stay abreast of the ever-evolving wartime taskings.

XPers are a big part of logistics support. You know how when you were growing up, only dad knew how and when to pack the car? XPers take the same attitude toward deployment, sustainment, and redeployment. Although XPers often make light of it, XPers understand that mistakes in these areas can have disastrous results. And that's why XPers stress deployment exercises, emergency data cards, gas masks, the many reports and the like. The gas mask that was an afterthought at home suddenly becomes **very important** when deployed to the same desert that houses those infamous Scuds.

No magic, no smoke and mirrors - just a whole lot of planning!

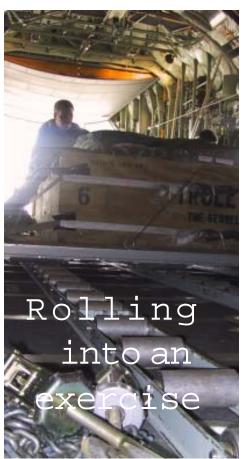


Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Riley

XP-ese 101 learning the ropes

UTC

Unit Type Code. 6-character alphanumeric code for a package of military capability. Example: 3NCCD0 describes 16C-130H aircraft and all pilots/navs, support personnel, and cargo.

AFWUS

Air Force Worldwide Unit Type Code Summary. Lists all UTCs in the Air Force and which units are tasked to which UTCs. The one we use here is customized for the 302 AW.

UDM

Unit Deployment Manager. This person is the focal point for deploying their unit and getting them home again. He/she ensures that personnel and cargo are ready to go.

This is an exercise Irepeat...

This is an exercise

$By \, Capt. \, Kris \, Simpson$

Wing Plans

There will be a mobility exercise during the January UTA. There will be a wingwide recall conducted on Thursday morning, Jan. 9. Personnel

will **not** be required to report to the unit—this is a telephone recall only.

Although the recall will be done for the entire wing, only certain units are

tasked to actually participate in the mobility exercise. These units are 302nd Airlift Wing Headquarters section and 302nd Mission Support Group, with

some 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron support. If you are in the units named, you must bring your personal mobility bag with you to the exercise.

Mobility packing list

q 3 sets of BDUs (1 may be worn)

q 1 BDU cap (may be worn)

q1BDUbelt (may be worn)

q1pair combat boots (may be worn)

q1fieldorGortexjacketwithliner (may be worn)

q4pairs of BLACK socks (1pair may be worn)

q4pairs undergarments (1pair may be worn)

q4bras (females only; 1 may be worn)

qlpairleathergloveswithinserts (may be worn)

q2bathtowels

q1toiletrykit

q2pairs of eyeglasses (if required) q1pairgas mask eyeglasses inserts (ifrequired) q1pairearplugs/earprotection q1pairhearingaids (if required) q90-day supply of prescription medication (if required) q1set of civilian clothes (seeguidance below)

Civilian clothes guidance:

Men: 1 pair slacks (no jeans), 1 belt, 1 pair dress shoes (notennis shoes), 1 collared, button-down shirt (polo or nugby shirts are acceptable). Shirt must be tucked in when worn.

Women: Same as above for men, OR1blouse, 1mid-calforankle-length skirt, 1pairdress shoes (nohighheels).

Aeromedical staging squadron open for business

... and mandatory flu shot is still mandatory

Capt. Maria Freeman, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron clinical nurse, prepares to give Tech. Sgt. Bryon A. Long, 302nd Maintenance Squadron electrical journeyman, his annual flu shot during the December Unit Training Assembly. Flu shots were offered in the 302nd MXS conference room Dec. 8 and 302nd ASTS personnel administered 430 shots during a 5 ½-hour period. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mitch Chandran)



DoD begins smallpox vaccinations

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA *American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2002 — DoD has begun mandatory smallpox vaccinations of military personnel, according to the Department of Defense's top health official.

Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said immunizations started Dec. 12 and would continue "over the next weeks and months." He said DoD is concentrating initial immunizations on units with "high priority." He said National Guard and Reserve units would be added in the near future.

"There are a fairly large number of troops that have been identified as being the highest priority, the most important to vaccinate," he said. "We'll start with ... teams that would respond in the case of an attack, followed by military medical personnel, and then certain forces that we believe would be important to carry out any missions ... in the near future."

Mass smallpox vaccinations of service members come amid growing White House and Pentagon concerns about bio- terrorist attack threats that U.S. and allied forces would face if Iraq or any enemy has a store of smallpox virus.

"We can't quantify the threat, and it would be inappropriate to suggest exactly the degree to that threat. But we know that smallpox stores do exist. We know that there are people who are unfriendly to our country," Winkenwerder said. "You put those

together and it certainly creates the possibility that smallpox could be used in a deliberate way. So our first order of duty and business in the military health systems is to be prepared."

Being prepared raises hundreds of questions for Winkenwerder. His office has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the issue, compiling fact sheets for military personnel covering everything from the nature of smallpox to vaccine safety.

Young military personnel probably know little about the virus and its symptoms. In the United States, routine vaccination against smallpox ended around 1972, well before many of them were born. According to the CDC, the last naturally occurring case was in Somalia in 1977. In May 1980, the World Health Organization recommended that all countries cease vaccination. U.S. military smallpox vaccination programs continued in small degree until 1990.

Smallpox is a highly contagious and sometimes fatal disease for which there is no specific treatment. The disease kills about 30 percent of all people infected, according to the CDC. Currently, the only preventative measure against the disease is the smallpox vaccine. The vaccination, usually given in the upper arm, requires a two-pronged needle that pricks the skin several times. If the vaccination is successful, a red-itchy bump will appear in three to four days. Reactions to the vaccination include swelling, headache, fa-

tigue, muscle aches, pain, or chills. Some people may have rashes that last from two to four days.

"We've spent quite a bit of time over the past several months putting together all the educational training material, spending time with medical personnel to get their best advice and input," Winkenwerder said. "We've used what we felt were the very best medical experts in the U.S. and around the world to give us advice on how to do this in just the right way."

The vaccine being issued to service members has been sitting on the shelves of U.S. research labs since 1972, Winkenwerder said he's sure it's still safe and effective.

"The vaccine is a safe vaccine; however, it does have some side effects that need to be carefully monitored and carefully managed," he said. He believes those side effects can be managed effectively.

The CDC reports that about 1,000 people for every one million people vaccinated for the first time experienced serious reactions, though not life-threatening ones, and that one or two people per million vaccinated risk death as a result.

Winkenwerder said all military personnel receiving the smallpox inoculation would be given careful instructions on what to do in case side effects appear. In addition, a telephone hotline will be set up to provide information what to do for any adverse reaction to the vaccine.

Chemical, biological warfare evolves over the centuries

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Biological and chemical weapons are hot topics lately, but they've been around for centuries in one form or another.

In the 6th century B.C., Assyrians supposedly poisoned enemy wells with rye ergot. Two thousand years later, the Tartar army improved upon the delivery system by catapulting plague-invested corpses over city walls in their attack of Kaffa.

Between then and now, the years have taught friend and foe how to perfect the delivery of deadlier biological and chemical weapons, as well as armed researchers and developers with bookshelves of knowledge about how to progress – or digress – in this type of warfare. Those bookshelves hold stories about wars using all types of agents, from smallpox and anthrax to chlorine and mustard gas.

Following is an overview of biological and chemical warfare in the last 240 years:

1763: During the French and Indian War, the British give small-pox-laden blankets to Native Americans loval to the French.

1914: The French begin using tear-gas grenades, and the Germans respond with tear-gas artillery shells.

1915: The British army begins

using the Livens projector, a mortar which projects shells holding 1.5 gallons of chlorine or phosgene.

1915: German spies are rumored to have inoculated U.S. horses and cattle with disease-producing bacteria before they are shipped to allied countries.

1917: After the development of gas masks, respiratory agents are largely defeated until the Germans introduce a blister agent, dichlorethyl sulfide, commonly known as mustard gas.

1918: By the end of World War I, the combatants had developed 11 single agents and at least seven combinations of mustard gas. Chemical

rounds account for a fourth of all munitions used and an estimated 82,000 casualties.

1930s: Germany produces approximately 78,000 tons of chemical warfare agents, including 2,000 tons of nitrogen mustards.

1937: Japan starts a biological warfare program in a laboratory complex code-named "Unit 731." At least 3,000 World War II prisoners from various countries, including America, allegedly are used as guinea pigs. More than a third of them are believed to have died from experiments involving anthrax, botulism, brucellosis, cholera and plague. (AFRC News Service)

New faces in the command structure

By Maj. Brian Anderson

302nd Services Flight commander

In a combined ceremony Nov. 2, three new unit guidons were uncased. The ceremony formally recognized organizational changes which took place Oct. 1, redesignating the 302nd Support Group as the 302nd Mission Support Group, and activating the 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and 302nd Services Flight. This change is part of

the

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Reorganiza-

tion that the

Chief of Staff

of the Air

Force, Gen.

John Jumper

initiated

through a

study to im-

prove the

way the Air

Force

handles its

logistics.



Maj. Melinda Clearwater 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

The results of the study prompted some changes in reorganization and the creation of the logistics readiness officer career field. Prior to Oct. 1, the logistics group handled maintenance, supply, transportation, fuels, and some planning functions. The study found that supply, transpor-

tation, fuels, and the associated planning were really support functions and should be handled by the support group.

The study also found that maintenance was a core competency and our maintenance personnel should be able to focus on that core competency. So, the logistics group became the maintenance group with all aircraft maintenance functions formerly in the operations and logistics groups aligned under the maintenance group.

The logistics functions were combined in a brand new kind of squadron called the logistics readiness squadron which is in the mission support group. Additionally, the aerial port squadron moved from the operations group into the mission support group.

Today, mission support is recognized as a "quasi-new" core competency under the CSAF reorganization.

"Think of it like this: The Air Force has

always known how to 'fly and fix airplanes' and satellites/missiles, but now being able to rapidly pick up all elements of the permanent air base infrastructure



Maj. Brian Anderson

and deploy it 302nd Service Flight commander worldwide to

support the 'flying and fixing' is another critical element ... hence a core competency under the phrase Logistics Readiness," said Lt. Col. Steve Kett, Mission Support Group commander.

Within the 302nd Maintenance Group, the 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was activated and the 302nd Logistics Support Squadron has been redesignated as the 302nd Maintenance Operations Flight.

Biological war - the military prepares

By Kenny Pruitt AFRC Public Affairs

ROBINSAIRFORCEBASE. Ga – Unless deployed to a highthreat area for more than 15 days, most Air Force reservists can expect to keep their sleeves rolled down after the Air Force distributed its anthrax implementation plan to commanders Oct. 11.

In a June 28 memorandum. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz said active-duty people and emergency-essential DOD civilians, as well as members of Reserve components who are deployed for more than 15 days to high-threat areas, will be immunized.

In early 1998, BioPort, the only company making the vaccine, closed its facility for renovation. With the halt in production, supplies of the vaccine dwindled, and by 2000 the military had extensively slowed its vaccination program.

U.S. intelligence agencies are keeping track of the locations where anthrax could or would be used as a biological weapon

Vaccinations will be mandatory for people in those highthreat areas if they are there for more than 15 consecutive days, except for those medically or administratively exempt, Glenn

Higher-threat areas include countries primarily in Southwest Asia, said Maj. Linda Bonnel of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

Full immunization with anthrax vaccine requires six doses administered over 18 months to complete the primary series. After the initial dose, shots are given at 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months.

"There is no minimum number of shots required before deploying. Depending on the amount of time from notification to actual deployment, members would receive as many shots as possible," Glenn said. "Vaccine is or will be available at all forward deployed locations."

As for reservists who previously received vaccinations but didn't complete the series, Glenn said they will resume the immuni-

zation with the next shot in the series. For example, if a member received shot No. 3 in January 1999, the individual will continue the series with shot No. 4.

"If approved by their commander, an administrative exemption may be applicable for those retiring or separating within 180 days," Glenn said. "The exemption will not apply to personnel who the commander determines will receive the vaccine because of overriding mission requirements."

Since the beginning of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program in March 1998, DOD has vaccinated more than 525,000 people with more than 2.1 million doses of anthrax vaccine. (AFRC News Service)

Uncle Bruce and Flat Kate see the sights

By Master Sgt. Bruce Wilkes 302nd Logistics Support Squadron

The 302nd Airlift Wing had a very special visitor recently; Flat Kate came to visit her Uncle. Flat Kate is a distant relation to Flat Stanley, who is a character from a Jeff Brown book. Stanley Lambchop is a normal boy until one night a bulletin board falls on him, flattening him like a pancake. But Stanley soon learns to take advantage of his "squashedness." Expensive plane fares? No problem. Stanley folds comfortably into a brown paper envelope or just send him through the mail. That was how Flat Kate came to visit me. One day she arrived in the mail with greetings and care instructions.

Flat Kate is the friend of my niece, Kate. Kate and Flat Kate are in the third grade and go to Collins-Maxwell Elementary School in Collins, Iowa. The project involved each child creating a Flat Self, hence Flat Kate, and sending them for a visit to an out of state location. The in-

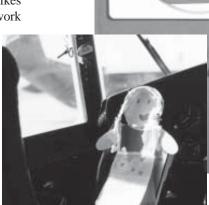
structions asked that Flat Kate be allowed to visit and participate in family activities for a week and then returned. Additionally, Kate asked if I would take photos and describe the places Flat Kate visited.

My wife and I took turns showing off Flat Kate to the Pikes Peak area. Flat Kate came to work

with me for a day and took a tour of the 302nd. She met everyone in the office, went to the maintenance squadron and toured a C-130. My wife, who works for a day care center, took her to work to meet the staff and play with kids her own age. Over the weekend Flat Kate visited some of the unique locations that identify Colorado

Springs. Flat Kate saw downtown and had her picture taken with General Palmer at the Park. She visited the Garden of the Gods, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, and got to see Pikes Peak.

All in all, Flat Kate had a good time and enjoyed her stay.



Master Sgt. Bruce Wilkes and Flat Kate

Kate is anxious for Flat Kate's return, so she can see all the photos.

My wife and I enjoyed the visit; we were surprised to learn that Flat People are all over the globe. Many schools and orga-

nizations use Flat Stanley and his friends to teach and educate children. We learned a couple things ourselves.

Bye, Flat Kate, come back anytime. (We sent her by overnight mail, so she won't be in the envelope too long)

God works wonders with all imperfections

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson Senior Chaplain

No matter how hard we try or how good our intentions are, sometimes it just comes out wrong. It's amazing, of all the possible things we could say, we listen in chagrin as the most ridiculous things heard slip out of our own mouths. Compliments sound less than complimentary, encouraging words come out incredibly corny, we give instructions which even confound us. All of this makes us wonder, "Did I really say that?"

If you ever have been red faced about something you've said, you're not alone. These well meaning bloopers actually appeared in church bulletins.

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things

not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

"Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door."

"Sister Barbara remains in the hospital. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons."

"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days."

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance."

Oops! At any rate regardless of these blunders, the world didn't come to an end, church doors didn't slam shut and growth opportunities did not come to a screeching halt. People smiled, laughed, hugged and realized the obvious truth again that in imperfections God can still makes things out for the good.

That's encouraging!

It gives us the freedom to take ourselves less seriously. We can lighten up and appreciate God's ability to work things out better than we had ever expected. The psalmist put it this way, "You're the God who makes things happen; you showed everyone what you can do - you pulled your people out of all kinds of trouble" (Psalms 77:14) Mistakes, yes they happen, but remember they are reminders that God's ability can outweigh our inability. So keep trusting and keep smiling - God is at work!

Education extravaganza

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton Front Range Flyer

Representatives from several local universities throughout the area converged on the 302nd Airlift Wing training and education room to discuss educational opportunities for wing Reserve members during an educational open house held on

Sunday of the December Unit Training Assembly.

Institutions included Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of Southern Colorado, the University of Phoenix, Southern Colorado branch, Colorado Technical University, and Colorado Christian University.

University Representatives discussed the New Tuition As-

sistance Scholarship Program, G. I. Bill assistance, distance learning and the "Troops to Teachers" program.

Under the latter program, qualified service members may transition from the military to teaching careers. The program enables military members the opportunity to not only take classes, but also to instruct courses.

The educational open house was part of an ongoing effort by the education and training office to increase the Reserve members' awareness of educational opportunities available to them militarily and for their civilian career objectives.

Reserve members who attended the open house had an opportunity to draw for door prizes as well as talk with University representatives.

The Scholarship Resource Network, a computer-based educational funding database was also established by the wing's family support office to provide individuals a customized report of scholarship resources personalized specifically for them.

Fifty applications were received during the open house.

JUST IN TROOPS TO TEACHERS

A Troops to Teachers representative will be in the Education Office, Bldg. 895, Room 206 on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to provide information on becoming a teacher.



Tech. Sgt. Rick Branum, 302nd Maintenance Squadron communication and navigation systems craftsman, receives a brochure from Rufina Butler, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Colorado Springs Center director. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Wing Spirit

... wing generous in time and talents

Members of the 302nd Airlift Wing recently prepared and provided lunch for more than 80 children through Colorado Springs CHINS UP, an organization designed to promote the welfare of children in need and help them develop skills to lead quality lives within the community.

The 302nd AW Family Readiness team had another successful Christmas Toy Drive collecting over 700 toys for less fortunate children and distributing them to CHINS UP and Center for Domestic Violence. Wing members Kathy Ellis and Robin Weiss conducted a successful food drive collecting 1,000 pounds of food and 14 turkeys for the Care and Share Food Bank.

Members of the 731st Airlift Squadron did their part by collecting donations for civilian aerial firefighters who lost their lives during this summer's fire fighting season. Donations were sent to Greybull, Wyo., where a memorial fund was established in their honor.



Master Sgt. Sherri Patton, Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Hogg, and Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Rice show the generosity of the wing members through the many toys donated for the holidays. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

Air Force Reserve accelerates recruiting efforts

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service has teamed up with the "Smoke-N-Thunder" jet dragster and is scheduled to perform at 15 air shows nationwide during 2003.

Owned and operated by Scott and Linda Hammack of Corona, Calif., the dragster has been streaking down runways at speeds in excess of 350 mph for more than 20 years while maintaining a perfect safety record.

AFRC Recruiting Service hopes the jet car will not only entertain the crowds but also increase public awareness of the Air Force Reserve, said Chief Master Sgt. Eric Snipes, chief of AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising branch.

"We are very excited about this affiliation," Snipes said. "We believe this dragster will give our recruiting

force a unique identity at air shows and As the exclusive advertiser, the help attract potential recruits. The Reserve is looking for men and women with an interest in technology and mechanics."

> Draped in a new patriotic paint scheme and sporting Air Force Reserve logos, the jet-dragster will be known as the Air Force Reserve Above & Beyond Jet Car Show. (AFRC News Service)



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В	E-1 with less than 4 months: 141.96 Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization															



4.1 % pay raise

Military members will receive a minimum 4.1 percent pay raise during fiscal year 2003.

President George W. Bush signed the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act into law Dec. 2. The act allows for higher targeted raises for mid-level and senior NCOs and mid-grade officers. (AFRC News Service)

Tax help

Unless on active duty during tax preparation time, Air Force reservists are not entitled to Air Force tax assistance through base legal offices.

To help reservists who may have been on active duty during 2002 and to assist other taxpayers in Air Force Reserve Command, the AFRC Staff Judge Advocate is preparing articles about military allowances for activated reservists, as well as general information about filing taxes.

The articles should appear in AFRC News Service in January 2003, at the start of the 2002 tax preparation period. (AFRC News Service)

New nametags

Members can order the new service dress uniform nametags through the Army Air Force Exchange Service, but should expect a 3-week wait due to high demand for the item.

Nametags may be ordered online at <u>www.aafes.com</u> or by filling out an order form at military clothing sales stores.

The nametags were approved Oct. 1, 2002 by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and other senior leaders.

Online W-2s available

Reservists can now go online to view and print their W-2s through a program designed to help them manage their pay more easily.

The program, myPay, is also available to guardsmen, active duty, civilian employees, retirees and beneficiaries. Previously known as the Employee/Member Self-Service program, it went online Oct. 15, 2002.

Users can view, print and save leave and earnings statements, change federal and state tax withholdings, update bank account and electronic funds transfer information, edit address information and control Thrift Savings Plan enrollment. By spring users will also be able to start and stop allotments.

Logging on to myPay is done using an E/MSS personal identification number. New users and people who have forgotten their PIN can log onto the myPay website at https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp to request a PIN, but will be able to receive pins via e-mail in the near future.

Command insignia

The Department of the Air Force previously authorized wear of the Air Force command insignia to recognize the extraordinary commitment, unique responsibility, and dedication associated with performing the Air Force's most important leadership function and the challenging responsibilities of command.

The insignia eligibility criteria for Air Reserve Component members is as follows:

The insignia is approved for wear by field grade officers in

the ranks of major through colonel who are filling or have filled a squadron, group or wing command position.

Commanders must have UCMJ authority in their capacity as a squadron, group, or wing commander.

Temporary or "acting" commanders are not authorized wear of the insignia.

Vice and deputy commanders are not authorized wear of the insignia. However, they may wear the insignia as a graduated/former commander from previously held command positions.

"Commander equivalent" positions (those approved by HQ USAF) are authorized wear of the insignia.

General officers are not authorized wear of the insignia.

Military kids vie for college monies

FORTLEE, Va. – The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program opened for business Nov. 1 and the burning question is, "how has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?"

That's the essay topic for 2003 to address when applying for the \$1,500 scholarships. The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million in its first two years.

Applications for the 2003 program can be downloaded from http://www.commissaries.com or http://www.fisherhouse.org. They can also be picked up at any commissary. The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21, 2003.

Anthrax Web Sites

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Staff Sgt. Lillie Rutledge, 39th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation journeyman, moves supplies during the return of wing members from Coronet Oak in December. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

January 11-12

	0530 - 1000	Breakfast	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVF/6-4180
	0600 - 0730	"Jump Start" Fellowship	Sandy's Restaurant	HC/6-7428
	0700 - 1530	M-16 Training	Bus from 302nd Flagpole	SFS/6-6536
	0730 - 1630	Initial Response EORI	Peterson AFB	XP/6-6234
	0730 - 1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	MPF/6-7976
S	0730 - 0900	* No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
9	0730 - 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
A	0900	PEP Boards (TSgt & MSgt)	Bldg 845 Conference Rm	DPMSC/7555
-	0900 - 1000	Unit Training Manager Mt	Bldg 895 Room 204	DPMT/6-7250
1	0900 – 1000	HDRC Meeting	Bldg 895 Room 206	CV/6-7087
U	0900 - 1000	Unit Safety Meeting	Bldg 350 Room 1052	SE/6-8163
	0900 - 1100	** Immunizations	Clinic	ASTS/1132
R	1000 - 1030	Wing Training Plan Council	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-6770
D	1100 – 1730	Let's Do Lunch!	Aragon Dinning Facility	SVS/6-4001
D	1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
A	1200 – 1600	Chemical Training	Bldg 1324 2nd Floor	CE/6-7221
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
Y	1300	PEP Boards (SMSgt/CMSgt)	9	
	1300 – 1600	Chaplains Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
	1300 – 1400	DNA/HIV Testing	Clinic	SG/6-1132
	1530 – 1600	Anthrax Briefing	Bldg 893 Conference Room	
	1500 – 1600	Homosexual Policy	Bldg 893, Room 111	JA/6-8140
	2000 - 2300	Late night snack	Aragon Dining Facility	SVS/6-4001

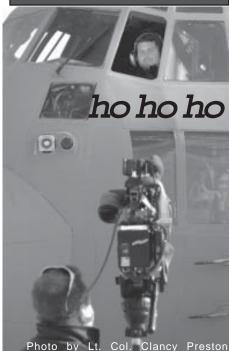
^{*}No meetings directed to allow commanders to spread UTA information updates Sat morning 3 mile walk is only current exception to allow members to dress in PT gear during morning

^{**}Shots due during the year will normally be given as part of yearly physicals

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	2000 - 2300	Late Night Snack	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4001

^{*} Held Sunday since classes must be given both Sat and Sun to get everyone trained

Congratulations Pronctees Airman 1st Class Eliah Guerrero Michael Pesek



Maj. John "Eric" Hall, a pilot with the 731st Airlift Squadron, is interviewed by the local and national media. Hall, and crewmembers Maj. Pat Ryan, Tech. Sgt. Martin "Moose" Pier, and Senior Airman Jason Strunk, were on hand to discuss their test flight with Santa in support of NORAD's Santa Tracking. In a specially configured 302nd Airlift Wing C-130, capable of Mach 2 on mission 464646 (hohoho), the crew was able to assure the media that all systems were a go for Santa's special day.

Welcome newcomers

310th Space Group

Tech. Sgt. Alicia Figueroa Staff Sgt. Matthew Twigg Staff Sgt. Robert Warren Senior Airman Donald Klindt Senior Airman William Lilligore Senior Airman Cory Miller Airman 1st Class Christian Picard

302nd Maintenance Group Senior Airman Richard Miller

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Johnson Staff Sgt. Vernon Neckermann Staff Sgt. Charles O'Neil

731st Airlift Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Erik Harris Senior Airman Diane Mench Airman 1st Class Scott Bailey

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Angela Bankston Senior Airman Jonathan Westlund

302nd Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Lesbia Rodriguez Airman 1st Class Hope Clark-Vasquez Airman 1st Class Marcus Wilson

$302 nd \, Security \, Forces \, Squadron$

Senior Airman Joey Jackson

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Marlin Stiskley Staff Sgt. Victor Cowan Senior Airman Melinda Mavity Senior Airman Andrew Miller Senior Airman Matthew Nansel Senior Airman Aradhana Reeser Senior Airman Kathleen Totten Airman 1st Class Steven Fresquez Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Specht

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Captain Tina Kosik
Staff Sgt. Damon Love
Staff Sgt. Jamie Marshall
Staff Sgt. Cherrilee Sederburg
Senior Airman Darlene Rivera
Senior Airman Holly Tweed
Airman 1st Class Kristin Bradshaw
Airman 1st Class Henry Stone

302nd Civil Engineering Squadron

Senior Airman Nicholas Jones Senior Airman Eric Koke

302nd Maintenance Operations Flight

Tech. Sgt Robert Gardea Senior Airman Eric Mench



Staff Sgt. Sam Alexander proposes from atop a C-130.

One unique proposal

Story & photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Front Range Flyer

When members of the 302nd Airlift Wing returned home from Coronet Oak Dec. 7, there was an individual sticking out through the roof of the C-130, waving a flag.

It wasn't an American flag like the one waving when the 302nd arrived at the d e a c t i v a t i o n homecoming. No, this was a white sheet. The writing on it, in big black letters, was difficult to read due to the fact it kept fluttering in the wind. Eventually it became readable, containing a message for a young woman. It read, "TANYA, WILL U MARRYME."

The flag bearer was Staff Sgt. Sam Alexander, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron a e r o m e d i c a l technician, and he was proposing to his fiancée, Tanya Neese. Alexander braved a

cold, biting breeze to get the mes

to get the message to her and her reply was music to his ears.

"She said yes," A 1 e x a n d e r commented.



Air Force Association Reserve Council looking for members

WASHINGTON – Active, Guard and Reserve members, unit reservists, and individual mobilization augmentees in any Air Force specialty and pay grade have until Jan. 31 to apply for the Air Force Association Reserve Council membership.

Members serve for two years and develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment modernization and military construction issues affecting Air Force Reserve Command and reservists. Their responsibilities include soliciting concerns, such as pay, benefit and training issues from their constituency to the council.

The council meets four times a year, often in conjunction with AFA Symposium events, so members may be required to wear service dress and mess dress uniforms for certain functions. Reservists attend meetings on orders, and the unit or agency of assignment is responsible for paying for the temporary duty trips.

Interested people may apply through their wing commander, or equivalent, with a letter of endorsement indicating the applicant is available to perform duties. The letter needs to contain the following statement: "I understand the (unit of assignment for AGRs and unit reservists) or (major command for IMAs) is responsible for funding all TDYs required for membership on this council."

Other requirements are a cover letter from the member, a resume of military and civilian experience, copies of the last five performance reports, a current personnel data report and a full-length, 3/4 turn pose photo in service dress uniform. The photo may be a color or black-and-white print, or a Polaroid.

Send applications to Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, 12313 Manchester Way, Woodbridge, Va. 22192 to arrive no later than Jan. 31. Applicants will learn in March if they have or have not been selected. Call DSN 225-9442 or (703) 695-9442 for additional information. (AFRC News Service)

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